

AMENDENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1- 12 (canceled).

Claim 13. (new) An image receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive an e-mail with data attached, via a computer network; and

a controller configured to convert the attached data into image data;

the controller further being configured to judge whether or not the received e-mail is an error mail, based on whether or not a header of the e-mail includes a predetermined character string, the predetermined character string being related to a sender of the error mail.

Claim 14. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising a printer configured to print the image data, wherein the controller, when an error mail is detected, abstracts predetermined information from the e-mail, and converts the abstracted predetermined information into image data, and the printer prints the converted image data.

Claim 15. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising a printer configured to print image data, wherein the controller, when an error mail is detected, abstracts predetermined information from the e-mail, edits the abstracted

predetermined information, and converts the edited information into image data, and the printer prints the converted image data.

Claim 16. (new) An image receiving apparatus receiving an e-mail, the e-mail including a header and a body, the body including a message, the message including an image data part, the image receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive an e-mail with data attached, via a computer network; and

a controller configured to convert the attached data to image data; and
the controller further being configured to search for a predetermined image data fixed code in the image data part of the e-mail when the received e-mail is a multi-part structure, and to judge that the received e-mail is an error mail when the predetermined image data fixed code is detected.

Claim 17. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the controller searches for the predetermined image data fixed code in the whole received e-mail when the received e-mail is a single-part structure, and judges that the received e-mail is an error mail when the predetermined image data fixed code is detected.

Claim 18. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 17 further comprising a printer configured to print image data, wherein the controller, when an error mail is detected, abstracts predetermined information from the e-mail, and converts the abstracted predetermined information into image data, and the printer prints the converted image data.

Claim 19. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 17 further comprising a printer configured to print image data, wherein the controller, when an error mail is detected, abstracts predetermined information from the e-mail, edits the abstracted predetermined information, and converts the edited information into image data, and the printer prints the converted predetermined image data.

Claim 20. (new) An image receiving method comprising:
receiving an e-mail with data attached, via a computer network;
converting the attached data into image data; and
judging whether or not the received e-mail is an error mail, based on whether or not a header of the e-mail includes a predetermined character string, the predetermined character string being related to a sender of the error mail.

Claim 21. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 20, further comprising abstracting predetermined information from the e-mail when an error mail is detected;

converting the abstracted predetermined information into image data; and
printing the converted image data.

Claim 22. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 20, further comprising abstracting predetermined information from the e-mail when an error mail is detected;

editing the abstracted predetermined information;
converting the edited predetermined information into image data; and

printing the converted image data.

Claim 23. (new) An image receiving method for receiving an e-mail, the e-mail including a header and a body, the body including a message, the message including an image data part, the method comprising:

receiving an e-mail with data attached, via a computer network;

converting the attached data into image data;

searching for a predetermined image data fixed code in the image data part of the e-mail when the received e-mail is a multi-part structure; and

judging that the received e-mail is an error mail when the predetermined image data fixed code is detected.

Claim 24. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 23, further comprising searching for the predetermined image data fixed code in the whole received e-mail when the received e-mail is a single-part structure;

judging that the received e-mail is an error mail when the predetermined image data fixed code is detected.

Claim 25. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 24, further comprising abstracting predetermined information from the e-mail when an error mail is detected;

converting the abstracted predetermined information to image data; and
printing the converted image data.

Claim 26. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 24, further comprising abstracting predetermined information from the e-mail when an error mail is detected;

editing the abstracted predetermined information;

converting the edited predetermined information into image data; and

printing the converted image data.

Claim 27. (new) An image receiving apparatus connected to a server and receiving an e-mail, when the received e-mail is an error mail, the e-mail including a header and a body, the body including a message, the message including an image data part, the image receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive an e-mail to which data is attached, via the server;

a converter configured to convert the attached data into image data;

a memory configured to store a predetermined image data fixed code, an image data fixed code being contained in the image data part; and

a controller configured to search for a predetermined header fixed message in the header of the received e-mail, to search for an image data fixed code in the image data part of the message of the body of the received e-mail when the predetermined header fixed message is not in the header of the received e-mail, and to judge that the received e-mail is an error mail when the image data fixed code in the received e-mail matches the predetermined image data fixed code stored in the memory.

Claim 28. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the predetermined header fixed message comprises [X-mailer:] field.

Claim 29. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the predetermined image data fixed code comprises SUqk.

Claim 30. (new) An image receiving apparatus connected to a server and receiving an e-mail, when the received e-mail is an error mail, the received e-mail including a header and a body, the body including a message, the message including an image data part, the image receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive an e-mail with data attached, via the server;
a converter configured to convert the attached data into image data;
a first memory configured to store at least one predetermined character sting;
a second memory configured to store a predetermined image data fixed code, an image data fixed code being contained in the image data part; and
a controller configured to search for character string in a [From:] field of the header of the received e-mail, to compare the character string in the [From:] field of the header with the at least one predetermined character string stored in the first memory, to search for an image data fixed code in the image data part of the message of the body of the received e-mail when the character string in the [From:] field of a header matches the at least one predetermined character string stored in the first memory, and to judge that the received e-mail is an error mail when the image data fixed code in the received e-mail matches the predetermined image data fixed code stored in the second memory.

Claim 31. (new) The image receiving apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the predetermined image data fixed code comprises SUqk.

Claim 32. (new) An image receiving method for receiving an e-mail, a memory storing a predetermined image data fixed code, an image data fixed code being contained in the image data part, when the received e-mail is an error mail, the received e-mail including a header and a body, the body including a message, the message including an image data part, the image receiving method comprising:

receiving an e-mail with data attached, via a server;
converting the attached data into image data;
searching for a predetermined header fixed message in the header of the received e-mail;

searching for an image data fixed code in the image data part of the message of the body of the received e-mail when the predetermined header fixed message is not in the header of the received e-mail; and

judging that the received e-mail is an error mail when the image data fixed code in the received e-mail matches the predetermined image data fixed code stored in the memory.

Claim 33. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined header fixed message comprises [X-mailer:] field.

Claim 34. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined image data fixed code comprises SUqk.

Claim 35. (new) An image receiving method for receiving an e-mail, a first memory storing at least one predetermined character string, a second memory storing a predetermined image data fixed code, when the received e-mail is an error mail, the received e-mail including a header and a body, the body including a message, the message including an image data part, an image data fixed code being contained in the image data part, the image receiving method comprising:

receiving an e-mail with data attached, via a server

converting the attached data into image data;

searching for character string in a [From:] field of the header of the received e-mail;

comparing the character string in the [From:] field of the header with the at least one predetermined character string stored in the first memory;

searching for an image data fixed code in the image data part of the message of the body of the received e-mail when the character string in the [From:] field of a header matches the at least one predetermined character string stored in the first memory; and

judging that the received e-mail is an error mail when the image data fixed code in the received e-mail matches the predetermined image data fixed code stored in the second memory.

Claim 36. (new) The image receiving method according to claim 35, wherein the predetermined image data fixed code comprises SUqk.